

SPECIFICATION FOR TREE PLANTING

1. Times of Planting

- 1.1. Planting of bare root trees shall take place between first week in November and the last week in March inclusive and not during periods of frost or when the ground is excessively wet.
- 1.2. Containerised or root balled trees can be planted at other times of the year, but must be adequately irrigated following planting during periods of low rainfall or low soil water content.

2. Utilities

- 2.1. Complete Tree Care shall be responsible for excavating and identifying any services that may be present and that might impede the safe execution of the planting works and will be liable for any damage to services.

3. Supply of Trees:

- 3.1. The number, quantity and location of trees shall be as identified on the planting programme and plan.
- 3.2. Where ever possible the trees shall be container grown stock, grown in a UK nursery of a minimum 8-10cm girth in 45 litre pots.
- 3.3. All stock will be individually labelled at time of delivery and at the time of delivery checked against the delivery note to ensure it is healthy and undamaged.

4. Planting trees

- 4.1. In hard surfaces tree pits shall be a minimum 600mm diameter and 600mm. deep or three 400 x 400mm slabs lifted to create a pit 400 x 1200mm. and 600mm in depth. In soft surfaces tree pits shall be 1000mm x 1000mm x 450mm in depth.
- 4.2. For multi stem trees the cross bar and/or stake may be cut down so that the tie is attached below branch break.
- 4.3. The tree will be supported by single staking for bare root and double staking for root balled trees. Stakes shall be 1800mm x 75mm round pressure treated, with 1000mm x 100mm x 25mm cross bars for double staking. Stakes shall be driven into the ground to a minimum depth of 600mm.
- 4.4. Single staked trees shall be secured to the stake using a 25mm belt with a standard pad. Double staked trees shall be secured using a flat backed pad and 25mm belt. In both cases the belt will be secured by 30mm clout nails. The ties shall be level with the top of the stake.

- 4.5. Trees shall be planted at original root collar depth. If excavated material is of poor quality it shall be replaced with good quality topsoil for backfilling. During back filling soil shall be firmed to ensure good contact with roots.
- 4.6. A slow release fertiliser shall be added to the planting pit and if conditions are dry then the tree will be watered in with 20 litres of water.
- 4.7. A 50-75mm layer of wood chip shall be added as a mulch. The mulch shall not be in contact with the stem of the tree.
- 4.8. Tree guards shall not be used except for specific areas of high use or potential vandalism. In such cases a 1200mm x 250mm tree guard steel mesh tree guard shall be fitted and secured to the stake.